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**For FY 2007**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	35	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
29 - 20 or HP =	0	x	0	= 0

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Indep. Claims	4	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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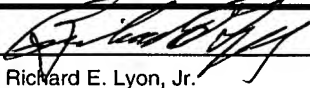
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Title : Assembly For Use In Continuously Forming One Or More  
Lengths Of Noise Attenuating Flexible Cutting Line For  
Use in Rotary Vegetation Trimmers  
  
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